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Problems in Charity

ALMOST every person whose business efforts in Minneapolis have met with some degree of success, desires to make some return to the community for the benefit of those who have been less fortunate. Too often these generous impulses are not put into effect; there have been no means to carry them out and a wise arrangement of one's charitable gifts has therefore been a most perplexing problem.

A philanthropic institution may be well managed and in need of much financial help today, while five years hence opposite conditions may exist. The difficulty in giving wisely grows according to the remoteness of the time for the taking effect of the gift.

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A charitable organization helpful and essential now in the betterment of the community, may gradually lose its value. A present-day problem may cease to exist and with its disappearance would go the usefulness of the institution now engaged in solving it.

In a growing metropolitan center like Minneapolis, new conditions affecting charities and philanthropies are ever arising. Many of our people are foreign-born. Bad housing conditions are apt to develop among them. Vice conditions grow serious as the city's population increases. Constricted school, police, fire-fighting, sewer, water and transportation facilities add to the complexities of the modern city.

Some donors are able to give only small amounts which may not be sufficient for the carrying out of specific purposes.

The Plan of The Minneapolis Foundation

To aid in solving these and like problems The Minneapolis Foundation has been organized. It aims to afford the means through which any member of the community may give to charitable pur-

poses in a lasting way. It is a corporation under the laws of the State of Minnesota, authorized to receive money, securities or other property which may be given, devised or bequeathed to a Trustee for its use and benefit, and to expend the same for the following purposes stated in its Articles of Incorporation:

Its Purposes

To administer and furnish relief and charity for the care of the sick, worthy poor, aged or helpless, who may reside in the County of Hennepin, State of Minnesota;

To improve living conditions;

To provide recreation for all classes;

To promote education and scientific research, and to aid and assist such other charities and charitable purposes as will seem to conduce to the mental, moral and physical improvement of the people of the City of Minneapolis and of the County of Hennepin, without discrimination as to age, sex, color or religious inclinations of the beneficiaries;

To receive and hold in trust for the purposes above named, any money, securities or other property which may be transferred to this corporation by gift, bequest or otherwise; and

To invest and conserve the same and employ the principal as directed, or divide the net income derived therefrom to any of the said purposes designated by the donor, or, if none be designated, to such purposes as the Trustees of The Foundation may determine.

How The Foundation Is Managed

In June, 1915, and in January, 1917, Minneapolis Trust Company and The Minnesota Loan and Trust Company, respectively, passed a resolution in the nature of a declaration of trust defining their relations with The Minneapolis Foundation. Each company is authorized to accept gifts, devises and bequests, as Trustee for the use and benefit of The Minneapolis Foundation, and is periodically to pay over to it the income arising from the trust property.

In some American cities the trustees of similar corporations have been picked from the directors of a single trust company or of a trust company and a bank. In Minneapolis it was thought wise to broaden the scope of the local Foundation and accordingly twenty-four of the

twenty-five trustees of The Minneapolis Foundation have been chosen from four of our large financial institutions, to-wit: Minneapolis Trust Company, The First and Security National Bank, The Minnesota Loan and Trust Company and The Northwestern National Bank. The first Board of Trustees is made up of the following:

First Board of Trustees

James Ford Bell
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The Board of Trustees of The Foundation choose a Disbursement Committee from among their own number. Funds are paid out by the Board upon the

written orders of a majority of the committee given at regularly called meetings.

Manner of Distributing Gifts

Distribution of gifts is in keeping with the donors' directions. If they wish income alone to be expended, the principal of a gift would not be drawn upon. If they recommend that certain charities be benefited, the Board of Trustees would pay out the funds for the purposes mentioned.

If property be left to be used in the discretion of The Foundation, both principal and income would be paid out at such times and for the use of such beneficiaries or classes of beneficiaries as the Board of Trustees might approve. If in their judgment a charity should become unworthy of help or in the event of a particular charity having ample funds for its needs, the Board of Trustees would use the money for other charitable purposes.

The conservatism and ability of the Trustees to invest safely, and to care wisely for trust funds; the make-up of the

Board of Trustees from among whom the Disbursement Committee is chosen; the audit of all accounts; the publicity required as to accounts and investments; and the right of visitation given to the Attorney General of Minnesota and to the City Attorney of Minneapolis, are certain to secure for The Minneapolis Foundation the confidence of the public in its proper administration.

From the experience with similar organizations in other cities it is confidently expected that a large fund will be accumulated in Minneapolis, and it is believed that the general welfare will be better served if this fund is an aggregation of a great many contributions, making it a "Community Trust" in the largest sense.

The following forms of bequests and devises have been suggested:

Suggested Form of Bequest for General Purposes

I give and bequeath to..... Trust Company, a corporation of Minneapolis, Minnesota, as Trustee, however, the sum of.....Dollars ($.....), the entire net income therefrom to be paid,

assigned, and transferred to The Minneapolis Foundation, a Minnesota corporation, for the uses and purposes of said The Minneapolis Foundation.

Suggested Form of Bequest for Specific Purposes

I give and bequeath to.....Trust Company, a corporation of Minneapolis, Minnesota, as Trustee, however, the sum of.....Dollars ($.....), the same to be by it invested in authorized, income-producing securities, and the entire net income therefrom to be paid by it as received, and the principal thereof to be paid upon written request to The Minneapolis Foundation for the uses and purposes of said The Minneapolis Foundation, it being my desire, however, that the net income therefrom shall be devoted to the support of....., except that in the discretion of the Board of Trustees of said Foundation it may be used for the purposes of said The Minneapolis Foundation.

Suggested Form of Residuary Devise to take Effect on Death of Life-Tenant

After the decease of.....I give, devise and bequeath all the rest, residue and remainder of said properties so held in trust to.....Trust Company, a corporation of Minneapolis, Minnesota, as Trustee, however, the same to be by it held, managed, invested and reinvested, and the entire net income from said properties so to be

held in trust to be paid, assigned and transferred to The Minneapolis Foundation, a Minnesota corporation, for the uses and purposes of said The Minneapolis Foundation.

Suggested Form of Residuary Devise

All of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate of every nature, real, personal and mixed, whether now owned by me or hereafter acquired, and wheresoever situate, I give, devise and bequeath to.....
Trust Company, a corporation of Minneapolis, Minnesota, as Trustee, however, the same to be by it held, managed, invested and reinvested, and the entire net income from said properties so to be held in trust to be paid, assigned, and transferred to The Minneapolis Foundation, a Minnesota corporation, for the uses and purposes of said The Minneapolis Foundation.

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